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Focus is on the future for young women attending Girls' Day at City Hall

More than 150 young women who have an interest in public service will have the opportunity to meet and be inspired by a number of local leaders during the seventh annual Girls' Day at City Hall, hosted <u>TOMORROW</u>, Thursday, March 16 by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and Alderwoman Chantia Lewis.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event with welcoming remarks at 9:25 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda, 200 E. Wells St., followed by opening remarks from **Tonya N. Sloans, Esq.**, Speaker. **The media is invited** to attend the opening ceremony.

Among the day's activities are two panel discussions, the first of which, "The Role of Women in Politics," will be moderated by La'Ketta Caldwell, Program Manager for High School services at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee. The discussion will include panelists Alderwoman Lewis, State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa, State Senator LaTonya Johnson, County Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, and Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Laura Gramling Perez.

The second discussion, "My Journey to Public Service," will be moderated by Denise Thomas, The Effective Communication Coach, and will include panelists MFD Fire Captain Stephanie Hampton, Assistant City Attorney La Keisha Wright Butler, Tammy Rivera, Executive Director Southside Organizing Committee, Markasa Tucker, Organizer/Activist, and Erin Forrest, Executive Director of Emerge Wisconsin.

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A leadership development workshop, "Dreamin' Out Loud," will be facilitated by Ebony Haynes, Program Manager for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee.

"We are blessed to have women come together at Girls' Day to serve as role models and to offer their insights and wisdom to our future leaders," Alderwoman Coggs said. "To see them interact with and inspire the next generation of young women in public service is inspiring and is the most rewarding part of this great event."

Alderwoman Lewis said she believes in the power of women to "uplift and instill dreams in the next generation of young women leaders."

"I am looking forward to being a part of this very special day that I believe will inspire and move many young women who will fully commit to pursuing the path to leadership," Alderwoman Lewis said.

<u>The event is at full capacity and no further registrants can be accepted</u>. Girls who have pre-registered must check in (starting at 8:30 a.m.) prior to the day's sessions.

Event sponsors include the City of Milwaukee, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Maures Development Group, LLC., *Milwaukee Courier*, Stark Food, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, and Pete's Fruit Market.